

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of: )  
DOUGLAS et al. )  
Application No. 10/612,852 ) Before the Examiner  
Filed July 03, 2003 ) Apanius, Michael  
METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ) Group Art Unit  
SAMPLING AND ANALYZING BODY ) 3736  
FLUID ) Confirmation No. 4411

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as any additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.